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SUBJECT: WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE

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1. ITALIAN DELGATION TO WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE AT BUCHAREST WILL BE LED BY DR. MARIA ELETTA MARTINI, CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC MEMBER OF CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES FROM PISA. DR. MARTINI WAS BORN AT LUCCA, ITALY ON JULY 24, 1922. SHE IS SECRETARY OF THE JUDICIAL COMMISSION OF THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES AND IS LEADING CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC AUTHORITY ON LEGISLATION AFFECTING THE FAMILY. DR. MARTINI SERVED AS SPEAKER FOR THE MINORITY IN THE LEGISLATIVE DEBATE IN 1971 WHICH AMENDED THE FAMILY LAW TO PERMIT DIVORCE.

2. OTHER SENIOR MEMBERS OF DELEGATION WILL BE PROFESSOR NORA FREDERICI, DIRECTOR OF THE DEMOGRAPHIC INSTITUTE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ROME, AND COUNSELOR TIBOR LIVI OF THE UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC DIVISION OF THE MFA. (LIVI IS CURRENTLY SERVING ON THE ITALIAN DELEGATION TO THE LAW OF THE SEAS NEGOTIATIONS IN CARACAS.)

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MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION WILL BE : PROFESSOR CIPOLLA,

MINISTRY OF HEALTH; PROF. COLUMBO, MINISTRY OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION; PROF. GALEOTTI, MINISTRY OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION; AND PROF. TAGLIACARNE, DR. NATALI, DR. DESIMONE AND DR. CARIANI OF THE ITALIAN STATISTICAL OFFICE.

3. MFA OFFICIAL WHO PROVIDED ABOVE INFORMATION INDICATED THAT HIS MINISTRY IS NOT HAPPY WITH A POLITICIAN AS THE HEAD OF THE ITALIAN DELEGATION. (HEAD OF DELEGATION WAS TO HAVE BEEN ITALIAN AMBASSADOR TO BUCHAREST WHO DIED WITHIN PAST MONTH.) NEED TO FIND COMMON GROUND BETWEEN THREE ATTITUDES TOWARDS POPULATION PROBLEMS FOUND IN ITALY--CATHOLIC, MARXIST, AND LAY--WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER SERVED WITH NEUTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL AS HEAD OF THE DELEGATION. NEVERTHELESS, SOURCE DESCRIBED DR. MARTINI AS GOOD CHOICE FOR DELEGATION HEAD BECAUSE OF HER WIDE LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE IN FAMILY LAW.

3. SOURCE SAID THAT IT HAD TAKEN A CONSIDERABLE PERIOD TO BUILD SENIOR LEVEL INTEREST IN THE FORTHCOMING CONFERENCE, PRIMARILY BECAUSE OF THE DOMESTIC POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS OF POPULATION PROBLEMS. HE DOES NOT ANTICIPATE ITALIAN DELEGATION WILL PLAY OVERLY ACTIVE ROLE AT THE CONFERENCE. SOURCE EXPECTS DELEGATION TO BE AGAINST COMPULSORY TARGETS WHICH ITALIANS FEEL SHOULD EXIST SOLELY AS GUIDELINES FOR NATIONAL POLICY. ITALIAN DELEGATION IS LIKELY TO BE VERY INTERESTED IN PROBLEMS RELATING TO EMIGRATION AND POPULATION MOBILITY, PARTICULARLY AS IT CONCERNS THE PROTECTION OF THE INTERESTS OF MIGRANT WORKERS. ADDITIONALLY, THE DEMOGRAPHERS ON THE DELEGATION ARE ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN FERTILITY AND INFANT MORTALITY. PROF. FREDERICI HAS PREPARED A STUDY ON THIS SUBJECT WHICH SHE PLANS TO PRESENT AT THE CONFERENCE. VOLPE

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